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FINAL EXAMINATION

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TIF2721 – INTRODUCTION TO FORMAL METHODS

(All sections / Groups)

29th MAY 2019 9.00 am – 11.00 am (2 Hours)

INSTRUCTIONS TO STUDENTS

- 1. This Question paper consists of 4 pages with 4 Questions only, excluding the cover page.
- 2. Attempt ALL FOUR out of FOUR questions. All questions carry equal marks and the distribution of the marks for each question is given.
- 3. Please print all your answers in the Answer Booklet provided.

QUESTION (1)

- (A) A formal specification language is usually composed of three primary components. What are these components? Explain briefly. [3 marks]
- (B) Convert the following English sentences into predicate logic expressions.
 - 1. There exists a smart student.
 - 2. Every student loves some student.
 - 3. Every student who takes Formal Methods passes it.

[3 marks]

(C) Examine the three relations below:

$$relA = \{john \mapsto 51, anne \mapsto 97, tan \mapsto 42, ali \mapsto 51, bob \mapsto 44\}$$

 $relB = \{21 \mapsto red, 42 \mapsto black, 44 \mapsto orange\}$
 $relC = \{21 \mapsto blue, 51 \mapsto green, 44 \mapsto white\}$

What are the elements of the following relations:

$$relD = relA \setminus \{ anne \mapsto 97 \}$$
 (Set difference) [1 mark]
 $relE = relB \bigoplus relC$ (Relational overriding) [2 marks]
 $relF = relD \$? $relE$ (Relational composition) [2 marks]

(D) You are given two Z schemas A and B as defined below:

What is $A \vee B$? Show the two necessary steps: Normalization and Linking.

[4 marks]

QUESTION (2)

(A) You are given two Z schemas C and D as defined below:

Define $C \, ^{\circ}D$ (Schema composition C then D). Show all necessary steps. [6 marks]

- (B) What is the main difference between schema composition and schema piping?

 [2 marks]
- (C) Three sequences A, B and C are defined as follows:

$$A = \langle 2,4,30 \rangle$$

$$B = \langle 66,77,88 \rangle$$

$$C = \langle 101, 102, 103 \rangle$$

Find the following:

i.
$$(B \cap A) \cap (C \cap A)$$

ii.
$$rev(C \cap A) \cap head(C)$$

iii.
$$(A \cap C)$$
 after 3

[3 marks]

- (D) Specify a function (in Z notation) that computes the sum of all numbers in a given sequence of natural numbers. [2 marks]
- (E) Specify a function (in Z notation) that computes the sum of all positive numbers in a given sequence of integers. [2 marks]

QUESTION (3)

The following state schema BirthdayBook records people's birthdays in a database system.

 $BirthdayBook _$ $known : \mathbb{P}\ NAME$ $birthday : NAME \longrightarrow DATE$ known = dom birthday

known is the set of names with birthdays recorded, birthday is a function which, when applied to certain names, gives the birthdays associated with them, for example:

 $known = \{ John, Mike, Susan \}$ $birthday = \{ John \mapsto 25\text{-Mar},$ $Mike \mapsto 20\text{-Dec},$ $Susan \mapsto 20\text{-Dec} \}.$

- a) Define (in Z notation), the schemas Δ BirthdayBook and Ξ BirthdayBook. [4 marks]
- b) Define (in Z notation), the schema AddBirthday to add a new birthday. The name to be added must not already be one of those known to the system.

 [2 marks]
- c) Define (in Z notation), the schema *Success* that just produce a report such as "The new birthday has been added" in order to inform user that the operation *AddBirthday* has been successfully carried out. [1 Mark]
- d) Define (in Z notation), the schema Already Known which describes the conditions when the name to be added is already existed and known to the system and specify an appropriate error report to be produced. [2 Marks]
- e) Define (in Z notation), the schema *FindBirthday* to find the birthday of a person known to the system. [2 Marks]
- f) Define (in Z notation), the schema FindPerson to find the name of a person using his birthday. [2 Marks]
- g) Define (in Z notation), the schema ChangeBirthday to change the birthday of a person known to the system. [2 Marks]

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QUESTION (4)

- (A) What does Data reification refer to in formal methods? Give a simple example. [2 marks
- (B) Prove by sequence induction that the operation of set union (U) implemented using sequences as defined by the function append below is correct.

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[X] append: \operatorname{seq} X \times \operatorname{seq} X \to \operatorname{seq} X

\forall x: X; \ \sigma, \ \tau: \operatorname{seq} X \bullet 
(\operatorname{append} (\langle \rangle, \tau) = \langle \rangle) \land 
(x \in \operatorname{ran} \ \tau \Rightarrow 
\operatorname{append} (\langle x \rangle \cap \sigma, \ \tau) = \operatorname{append} (\sigma, \ \tau)) \land 
(x \notin \operatorname{ran} \ \tau \Rightarrow 
\operatorname{append} (\langle x \rangle \cap \sigma, \ \tau) = \langle x \rangle \cap \operatorname{append} (\sigma, \ \tau))
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[5 marks]

Hints: To prove that append correctly models (the union operator U), we have to show that: $ret(append (\sigma, \tau)) = (ret \sigma) U (ret \tau)$. You have to prove both the base case and the inductive step.

(C) Find the weakest precondition P for each of the following Hoare triples.

1.
$$\{ P \} x := 3 \{ x+y > 0 \}$$

2. $\{ P \} x := 3*y + z \{ x * y - z > 0 \}$

[3 marks]

(D) Briefly describe the FIVE steps in the process of developing and using formal specification. [5 marks]

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